

Docket No.: 0885-CS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Joel PAGE, et al.

Serial No.: 09/153,864

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For: POWER ON RESET TECHNIQUES FOR AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT CHIP



Group Art Unit: 2816

Examiner: J. Zweizig

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PETITION FROM THE EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

On March 15, 2000, the Examiner required restriction between the following
"inventions" under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-13, drawn to a power ON reset circuit,
classified in class 327, subclass 143;
- II. Claims 14-17, drawn to a memory device, classified in
class 395, subclass 500.

On April 13, 2000, Petitioners elected the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-13,
drawn to a power ON reset circuit, with traverse.

Petitioner respectfully requests that the Examiner's Restriction Requirement be
reversed.

The claims of the Group II invention, namely, claims 14-17 are Beauregard
claims that are so intimately related to the claims of the Group I set, that to require two
patent applications for such closely related inventions to be inappropriate. If one were to

consider, for example, the limitations of claim 14 and compare them with the limitations of claim 7, the similarity of the inventive concepts becomes clear. The fact that one invention is claimed in Beauregard form whereas the other is not, as a matter of policy, should not be a sufficient distinction for a requirement for a restriction.

Petitioner respectfully requests that the Patent and Trademark Office reconsider the Examiner's restriction requirement and reverse it and permit the claims of both Group I and Group II to remain in this application for prosecution purposes.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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